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# Public Meeting

September 10, 2009

## Kolb/Sabino Canyon Road Connection

COT Project No. SR8A



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## Welcome and Introductions

- Michael Graham  
City of Tucson, Project Manager
- Jim Glock  
City of Tucson, Director of Transportation
- Gary Hayes  
RTA, Executive Director
- Kevin Thornton  
Psomas, Project Manager
- Scott Stapp  
HDR, Environmental Planner
- Jan Gordley  
Gordley Design Group, Public Involvement



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## Public Participation

- Importance of Public Involvement
- Ways to Participate:
  - Public Meetings
  - Citizen's Oversight Committee Meetings
  - Meeting with Neighborhood Groups
  - One on One Contact



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## Meeting Format

- Question Cards
- Discussions at Displays
- Comment Forms
- Phase of Project/Participation
- Spectrum of Participation





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## Project History

- City Annexation – April 1981
- General Obligation Bond Election – May 1986
- Advance Planning Report – May 1989
- Environmental Design and Mitigation Report – September 1990
- Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Election – May 2006

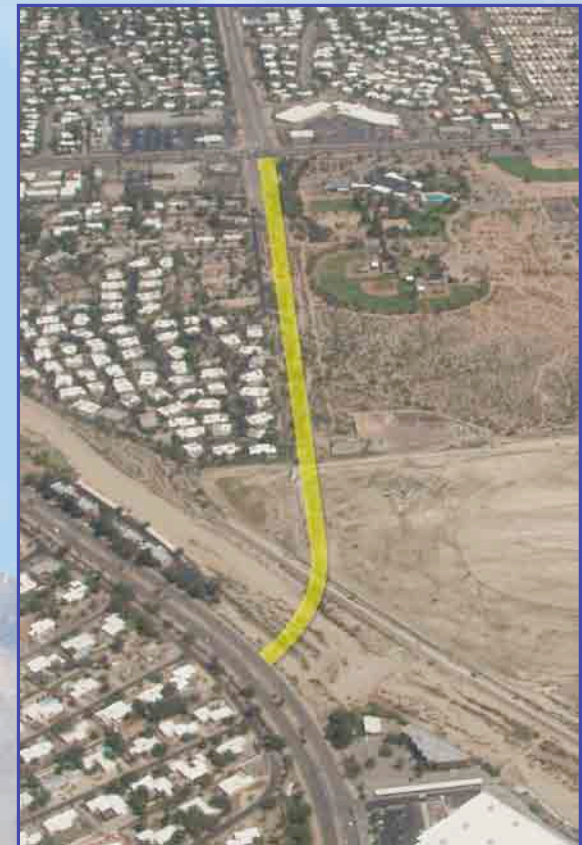


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## Project Description

- Sabino Canyon/Tanque Verde to Kolb
- \$21.9M
  - RTA Funding - \$10.1M
  - Federal Funding - \$11.8M
- 4-lane Roadway
- Includes:
  - Bike Lanes and Sidewalks
  - Roadway over Landfill
  - Bridge over the Pantano Wash
- Can Include:
  - Landscaping
  - Street Lighting
  - Public Art





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## Project Status

- Planning Phase
  - Design Concept Report
  - Environmental Assessment
- Current Activities
  - Obtaining Public Input
  - Topographic Survey Complete
  - Mullins Landfill Geotechnical Investigation
  - Initial Environmental Investigation
  - Initial Traffic Modeling
  - Initial Hydrology and Hydraulics







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## **Environmental Assessment (EA)**

- Federally-funded project requires environmental documentation - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Types of improvements and impacts dictate environmental level of effort
- Prepared in accordance with federal, state, local, and tribal guidelines
- Environmental Assessment Based on Preliminary Design





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## **Environmental Assessment (EA)**

The EA includes:

- Project Purpose and Need
- Project Alternatives
- Assess Existing Conditions
- Determine Effects & Impacts
- Measures to Minimize/Avoid Impacts
- Conclusions – Significant Impacts or Finding of No Significant Impact



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## Environmental Assessment (EA)

### Range of Issues Investigated:

- Planning Documents, Land Uses and Zoning
- Visual Impacts
- Agricultural Lands
- Air Quality
- Vegetation and Wildlife
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Water Quality
- Socioeconomics
- Parks and Recreational Facilities
- Cultural and Archeological Resources
- Traffic Noise
- Cumulative and Secondary Impacts
- Hazardous Materials
- Acquisitions/Right-Of-Way
- Transportation



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## Project Schedule

- Design Concept – Complete in Spring 2010
- Draft Environmental Assessment – Complete in Summer 2010
- Final Design – Complete in Winter 2011
- Construction – Begins in Spring 2011
- Construction Period – 12-16 Months





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## Next Steps for Public Involvement

- Review and summarize comments from tonight's public meeting
- Update project web site
- Select members Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) in September
- First meeting of COC planned for October
- Next public meeting planned for late fall, early winter
- Continued meetings with neighborhoods as requested

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**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR  
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